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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 5, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

CONGRATULATING JUNIATA COLLEGE EAGLES WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the Juniata College Eagles women's volleyball team on winning the NCAA Division III national championship.

Playing with such grit, technical skill, and power, these young women were instrumental in creating 34 victories during the season.

Coach Pavlik believed that there are no shortcuts to success. Practice and hard work combined with respect for your opponent are the hallmark of what makes a team great. It was those values and a refusal to quit that allowed this team to come back to defeat Trinity College to win the national championship.

It is the Eagles' third national title, as they become one of just five women's volleyball programs to have won three national championships.

Equally as important as the team's success in volleyball is their success in the academic classroom. Juniata's commitment to academic excellence is a shining example of how student athletes can be supported both on and off the court.

On behalf of all the people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Juniata College Eagles and wish them every continued success in the years to come.

SECURE OUR BORDERS

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it has been reported that a near-record number of migrants are flocking to our southern border as the title 42 remain in Mexico policy is set to expire.

Initial reports show that over 70,000 immigrants evaded apprehension just in the past month, the highest on record, according to preliminary data.

This surge in crossings is bringing a national security and humanitarian crisis to our border, even as the Biden administration refuses to provide additional funding to our Customs and Border Patrol agents.

Without that funding, without the tools, without the training and equipment our Border Patrol needs, our safety and security are at risk.

President Biden has never stepped foot at the southern border, and he has worsened and ignored our historic border crisis at each and every turn.

Now is not the time to end title 42. Now is not the time to leave our ports

of entry vulnerable. And now is not the time to play political games with our national security.

Our borders are at risk, and the sovereignty of our country is maintained only with protecting our borders.

FAIR TREATMENT FOR RAILROAD WORKERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFazio) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFazio. Mr. Speaker, this will be a parable to greed and modern predatory capitalism.

We used to have the most efficient, reliable freight network in the world. Freight was delivered safely, at a reasonable rate, and on time. They had a large skilled workforce reasonably compensated, and the railroads were all moderately profitable.

Then came Hunter Harrison, now deceased. He thought there was something wrong with this. He took over CSX. There is something wrong here. He invented precision scheduled railroading, which is anything but. He slashed the workforce and started running trains that were 4 and 5 miles long. They don't have sidings that are that long, so they block intersections all across the country.

He found new ways to gouge the customers with a host of new fees and jacked-up rates and, as a side effect, as the agriculture, energy, and construction customers have all testified to the Surface Transportation Board, delayed deliveries, disrupted businesses, and increased costs, which ultimately get passed on to consumers.

But he accomplished his goal. Profits are up. In the last decade, railroads bought back \$230 billion worth of stock and dividends. In 2021, it was \$26 billion in dividends and buybacks and \$29 billion in profits. The CEOs, like the now-gone Hunter Harrison, are making out like bandits. They all earned \$16 million a year on average or more.

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